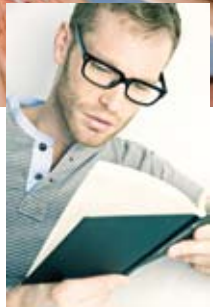




American Health Lawyers Association

Student Membership and Alliances



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The academic health law community plays a vital role in training future health lawyers, compliance and privacy officers, and other healthcare executives. The American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA) also plays an important role in informing and educating the health lawyers and professionals of tomorrow.

MEMBERSHIP Join the American Health Lawyers Association and become part of the largest non-profit educational professional association devoted to health law. More than 10,000 attorneys practicing at law firms, working in government, in-house counsel, solo practitioners, students, academicians, and health professionals have made a commitment to advance their professional development by becoming an AHLA member.

Membership provides many benefits. An updated directory facilitates networking among peers and colleagues and the monthly *AHLA Connections* magazine keeps members informed about what's happening in the Association. The *Health and Life Sciences Law Daily* and the *Health Lawyers Weekly* – electronic resources that all members receive – provide concise information about regulatory and legislative activities in the healthcare arena. The online *Health Law Digest* provides an extensive synopsis of the most current state and federal court decisions in the field of health law.

Accurate and up-to-date information is vital to success, both in law school and in the legal profession. The AHLA Health Law Archive is an integrated searchable database containing nearly all the Association's content as far back as 1984, currently more than 40,000 documents and files. The Archive uses Google search technology, providing a familiar search interface that is easy to use. New content is added regularly to the Archive. No other database or electronic legal library provides the variety, depth, and scope of health law content that the Archive contains. Student members are able to access the Archive as a benefit of their membership.

CAREER CONNECTION Looking for a position? Available legal and executive openings are listed in the Career Center, which includes an online job bank as well as classified print advertisements in the monthly magazine.



COLLABORATION Establishing and strengthening collaboration with health law programs at law and graduate schools is an important objective because it is vital that tomorrow's health lawyers receive the resources they need, including:

PUBLICATIONS Many of AHLA's publications are introductory or refresher in nature and have comprehensive tables of contents for quick reference. Background information is combined with the most current details and reference data available, making AHLA resources a premier source for basic health law information as well as the cornerstone for any health law library. Concise, legal information and analysis on cutting-edge legal issues is also available, offering practical strategies and potential resolutions on complicated legal issues. Members always receive special pricing when purchasing. For a full list of our publications, go to www.healthlawyers.org/bookstore.

EDUCATION As the premier provider of continuing education to the profession, AHLA leads health law to excellence through its in-person seminars held across the country and its telephone conferences covering breaking regulatory issues. When academicians register for an educational event, they are able to do so at special discounted rates. And, when a program is held near a law school, student members are often able to volunteer at the program and attend for free.

FORMING ALLIANCES Student organizations are an essential partner in AHLA's efforts to reach the future leaders of the health law profession. Law Schools or schools of public health having a health law program or a student health law organization may want to consider entering into an affiliation agreement with AHLA. By forming a (free) alliance with AHLA, student organizations receive regular information from AHLA, are notified about upcoming educational and networking opportunities, and are able to access key health law resources. (See Pages 5-7.)

To find out how your school can benefit from affiliation, please contact AHLA at (202) 833-1100, prompt #2 or by email at msc@healthlawyers.org.



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Typically offered in Chicago each fall, AHLA's Fundamentals of Health Law program is a valuable training program for new associates and in-house counsel, paralegals, risk managers and compliance officers, and is also an excellent refresher for experienced health lawyers. The program offers an array of health law topics. The program's faculty not only dispense their knowledge of legal issues, but they also provide insight into the challenges ahead in order to help attendees build an effective legal practice. The networking opportunities with other new associates, in-house counsel, and the Association's leaders are an invaluable experience.

AHLA holds a program each year that focuses on issues relevant to In-House Counsel. The Association's Annual Meeting offers substantive sessions from expert faculty on a full panoply of health law issues. In addition, AHLA sponsors in-person programs that focus on specific areas of the law, including the following:

- Tax Issues for Healthcare Organizations
- Fraud and Compliance Forum
- Payors, Plans and Managed Care Law Institute
- Arbitration, Mediation, and Advanced Mediation Training
- Legal Issues Affecting Academic Medical Centers and Other Teaching Institutions
- Physicians and Physician Organizations Law Institute
- Hospitals and Health Systems Law Institute
- Institute on Medicare and Medicaid Payment Issues

If you are interested in attending an AHLA program, contact the Member Service Center at (202) 833-1100, prompt #2 or visit www.healthlawyers.org/programs.



SCHOOL ALLIANCE PROGRAM

Law and graduate students have always been an important and valued membership group within the American Health Lawyers Associations' ranks. We welcome and encourage student participation and involvement in the organization. Our School Alliance Program has established connections with health law and graduate programs from around the country, providing a network for the future of the health law profession and the Association. The AHLA School Alliance is available free of charge, and provides Schools and students with information and resources, educational opportunities, networking, and more.

School Alliances receive the following benefits:

- AHLA will post the School's logo and the name and contact information of the faculty/ career services advisor for the health law organization. In addition, if desired, the student officers may also be listed on AHLA's website at www.healthlawyers.org/schoolalliances.
- AHLA will alert School Alliance contacts about upcoming AHLA programs when there are opportunities for students to attend for free in exchange for volunteering at the event.
- AHLA webinars will be made available to School Alliances for a steeply discounted rate.
- A special discount will be provided for the *Fundamentals of Healthcare Law* publication, which covers the basic issues of health law practice. This publication covers fundamental legal principles and issues to assist law students; teachers of health law; and law librarians.
- Advisors and/or student officers may contact AHLA for assistance in identifying health law experts to speak to students and student groups about healthcare legal issues.



Student Members also benefit:

AHLA is constantly striving to enhance our benefit package for student members. With dues of just \$15 a year, student members receive the *Health and Life Sciences Law Daily*, *Health Lawyers Weekly*, *Health Law Digest* and the *AHLA Connections* digital magazine. Student members receive automatic access to the Health Law Archive, a database of more than 40,000 AHLA documents and audio recordings that are collected and stored in a Google-searchable electronic library. Students also gain a wealth of information and resources through their complimentary electronic access to AHLA's sixteen Practice Groups. They may participate in the Association's Mentoring Program, browse the online Job Bank, and view all other members-only areas on the AHLA website.

To sign up for the AHLA School Alliance Program, complete and return the attached form to Andrew Hartman. He can be reached at ahartman@healthlawyers.org or (202) 833-0773.

Students interested in becoming members can also contact AHLA at msc@healthlawyers.org for more information and for applications or can join online at www.healthlawyers.org.



School Alliance Agreement

Yes! Our School/group would like to establish a School Alliance with AHLA.

Date _____

School _____

Name of Student Group _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

Student Contact _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

Faculty/Career Services Contact _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

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Please send this completed agreement to

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